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Colossians 3:2, 3
“Setting Affection?”



² Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.
³ For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

The idea of setting one's affection on things above rather than on things of earth, and being "dead" with a life which is "hidden with Christ in God", may not be easily understood. How can one have affection for

“things above” when one
is bombarded by the
cruel realities of “things
on the earth”?

I once heard it preached
that Believers were to
simply will their minds
to godliness and that
would be sufficient.

Since the lives of
Followers of Christ were
“hidden with Christ”,
they were “dead” and
never to rise again.
Further, it was preached

that all the effects of the earth's influences were permanently blocked. In reality, however, this state of mind, or way of life, comes from an ongoing and willing submission to God. It's a frequent yielding; and not a one-time event.

Mess up? Fess' up!
Confess and
intentionally lie down
your self-will at the feet
of the loving and

merciful Creator... again,
and again, and again...

It's not a once-and-for-all fix. Just because you make a confession to God, does not put you in some mental oblivion to the world and its' hatefulness.

You have to yield everything to God that is important, or tempting, or painful, or troublesome, etc, but

that's not to say that's
all there is to it. No!

You can't exercise one
time and remain fit.
You can't eat one meal
and remain full.
Setting your affection—
through surrender is a
non-stop process;
it's a lifestyle.

The harmful desires pop
up. Set, or re-set them—
through submission.
Do it.

The fears and emotional
pains growl. Do it
again... and again...

As with an old-fashioned
alarm clock, you set it
and let it do the ticking.

Unlike phone clocks,
those old clocks had to
be reset once they
wound down. Likewise,
we have to keep setting
our affection clocks.

How often we need to
reset and for what

situations, will depend
on our individual lives
and levels of spiritual
maturity.

But all of us must
set, and reset,
our affection.

It's not automatic.